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**Salisbury Fire Department deploys to eastern North Carolina**  
*-- Firefighters will assist with fire protection, flooding in Robeson County --*

Salisbury, N.C., (Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2016) – Four members of the Salisbury Fire Department (SFD) and one member of the Locke Township Volunteer Fire Department deployed to Lumberton, N.C., yesterday to assist Robeson County residents and the community with fire protection and recent flooding challenges. The squad traveled with rescue boats and fire engines to assist in the mission.

The SFD is part of a “strike team” of seven deployed units throughout the state whose purpose is fire protection and services in the affected and nearby areas. The deployment is expected to last over a six-day period, but is subject to change given emergency management needs or mission changes at the state level.

“I think I speak for the entire Salisbury community when I say how proud we are of our firefighters and their commitment to serve, not only Salisbury, but wherever needed,” said City Manager W. Lane Bailey. “I wish the group Godspeed and a safe return. We also pray for those along the East Coast who are affected by Hurricane Matthew’s devastation.”

The City of Salisbury will not experience a reduction in services or on-duty responders as SFD personnel can be rotated between Lumberton and Salisbury as necessary. All expenses associated with the deployed team and its equipment are

reimbursable throughout North Carolina's emergency declaration.

Salisbury's telecommunications radio system has statewide capabilities, which will allow the department to have live, 24-hour radio communication with the team.

*The City of Salisbury, America's first 10-gigabit city, is located in the heart of the Piedmont region of North Carolina, midway between Charlotte and Greensboro. Salisbury is the county seat of Rowan County, and provides a full range of municipal services, including law enforcement, fire protection, zoning and code enforcement and water and sewer systems. For more information regarding the City of Salisbury and its services and departments, please visit us on the web at [www.salisburync.gov](http://www.salisburync.gov). To receive updates regarding local initiatives, meetings, programs and events, please follow us on Twitter at @CitySalisburyNC and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CitySalisburyNC>.*